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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Mark: BENNY HUNNA

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NOODLE TIME, INC. vs. BENNY HODGE

Opposition No: 91214649

RESPONSE TO REPY IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSER'S MOTION FOR
ENTRY OF JUDGEMENT AS A SANCTION FOR APPLICANT'S
FAIILURE TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER DATED
DECEMBER 5, 2014

### <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Applicant, Benny Hodge, hereby respectfully submits this RESPONSE TO REPY IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSER'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGEMENT AS A SANCTION FOR APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER DATED DECEMBER 5, 2014. Opposer filed a REPY IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSER'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGEMENT AS A SANCTION FOR APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER DATED DECEMBER 5, 2014 on February 17, 2015.

REPY TO APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO SUBSTANTIVELY
SUPPLEMENT HIS INITIAL ANSWERS RESPONCES AND
DOCUMENT PRODUCTION AS ORDERED BY THE TTAB

Opposer has admitted to receiving "documents" from Applicant in the form of internet websites. Applicant has provided Opposer's with his social media sites he controls for the Subject Mark BENNY HUNNA. Applicant has made a typo to his Facebook and Twitter web page by placing commas at the end of the websites to separate them and is submitting the following respectfully as corrections to the typing error. Applicant made a typing error on one letter in his Youtube webpage address typing a "w" instead of an "s" and is submitting the following respectfully as corrections to the typing error.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrTqkOarqZoEXYzsomfJ3dA

https://www.facebook.com/benny.hunna1

https://twitter.com/h2hunna

Applicant objects to Opposer's allegations that Applicant's Interrogatory No. 6 response conflicts.

Applicant produces and edits his own videos and it cost him nothing to make them and post them on his Youtube, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

## REPY TO DISCOVERY DATES SHOULD BE RESET

Applicant has complied with the Board's Order and Applicant respectfully request that dates remain as set by Board. Applicant requests if Discovery dates are reset then Applicant respectfully requests the Board reset the Discovery for both parties.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully request that the Board DENY Opposer's MOTION OF ENTRY OF

JUDGMENT AS A SANCTION FOR APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER DATED

DECEMBER 5, 2014 due to Applicant's compliance.

Dated: February 25, 2015

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing RESPONSE TO REPY IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSER'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGEMENT AS A SANCTION FOR APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER DATED DECEMBER 5, 2014 has been served on Opposers in the following manner:

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

**NOODLE TIME, INC.,** 

BENNY HODGE,

Opposer, Opposition No.: 91214649

v. Mark: **BENNY HUNNA** 

Serial No.: 85/920,599 Filing date: May 1, 2013

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# REPLY IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSER'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AS A SANCTION FOR APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER DATED DECEMBER 5, 2014

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Opposer, Noodle Time, Inc. ("NTI" or "Opposer"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby submits the following Reply Memorandum in support of its Motion For Entry of Judgment As a Sanction for Applicant's Failure to Fully Comply with the Board's Order Dated December 5, 2014 ("Motion"). Applicant filed a Response to Opposer's Motion on February 13, 2015<sup>1</sup>.

# II. APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO SUBSTANTIVELY SUPPLEMENT HIS INITIAL ANSWERS, RESPONSES AND DOCUMENT PRODUCTION AS ORDERED BY THE TTAB

Applicant's Response focuses solely on the "Definition" of the term "Document" as set forth in Opposer's First Set of Interrogatories. See Exhibit 1 to Response. Specifically, Applicant contends that because said term is defined to include "internet websites, social media

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In his Response (D.E. 14), Applicant states that he filed a Motion to Withdraw (D.E. 13) his prior Motion to Suspend Proceedings Pending Civil Action. Thus, the only motion pending before the Board in this matter is NTI's Motion.

accounts and social profiles," and Applicant has provided a list of Internet websites in

Applicant's supplemental response to Request No. 4, Applicant has complied with the Board's

Order. Applicant's supplemental response to Request No. 4 is set forth below:

4. All documents sufficient to identify all trade channels through which you sell, advertise, promote or offer to sell, advertise or promote any

products and/or services using the Subject Mark.

Answer: The Subject Mark has no sales and is not offered to be sold.

The Subject Mark is promoted and advertised at URL

https://www.youtube.com./channel/UCrTqkOarqZoEXYzwomfJ3dA,

https://www.facebook.com/benny.hunna1,

https://www.twitter.com/H2HUNNA,

https://linkedin.com/profile/view?id=347046776&trk=nav responsive tab

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See Applicant's Supplemental Response attached as Exhibit 3 to Applicant's Response

(emphasis added). The text in bold typeface is the portion of Applicant's response that provides

allegedly new or supplemental information.

Applicant basically contends that by listing four (4) websites in response to Document

Request No. 4 that Applicant has fully complied with the Board's Order dated December 5,

2014. Applicant, however, failed to (once again) provide any documents associated with the

above listed websites, such as copies of website pages or copies of the videos posted therein.

Additionally, Applicant's supplemental response to Request No. 4 continues to be deficient in

that Applicant does not include other websites, such as reverbnation.com and HunnaTV.net,

which also "promote" Applicant's services under the Subject Mark. See Exhibits 1 and 2

attached hereto (print-out from websites at reverbnation.com and HunnaTV.net, respectively).

Moreover, Applicant's Supplemental Responses continue to conflict with other responses

set forth in the same document. For instance, see Interrogatory No. 6 and Applicant's

supplemental response thereto, as set forth below:

6. State Applicant's yearly expenditures for every year within the last five years with respect to the advertising and marketing of products and services identified

in Interrogatory No. 1.

Answer: Applicant's yearly expenditures with respect to advertising and marketing of products and services identified in Interrogatory No. 1 are zero

dollars.

See Exhibit 3 to Response. Applicant has admitted that he promotes his services online. In fact,

Applicant has posted several different music videos, each of which includes different people,

settings, etc. Applicant, however, in his answer to Interrogatory No. 6, copied above, continues

to allege that he has not incurred any cost or expenditure in creating and distributing his music

videos<sup>2</sup>. Simply stated, Applicant has yet to fully comply with the Board's Order dated

December 5, 2014.

III. DISCOVERY DATES SHOULD BE RESET

Having withdrawn his Motion to Suspend Proceedings In View of Civil Action (See

Motion to Withdraw, D.E. 13), Applicant now requests that the discovery deadlines remain the

same, as set forth in the Board's Order dated November 4, 2014. Discovery in this matter closed

on December 29, 2014. Yet NTI has no responsive documents and virtually no responses.

Applicant has conducted zero discovery in this matter. Without discovery, any deposition of

Applicant is essentially meaningless. Further, in the event the Board does not grant the relief

sought by Opposer in this motion, NTI cannot realistically proceed to summary judgment or trial

until the Board determines an appropriate sanction. If the Board does not enter judgment in the

favor of NTI, then NTI requests that the discovery period be reset for NTI only to provide a

<sup>2</sup> Applicant's Answer to Interrogatory No. 6, as set forth in his Supplemental Responses (and copied above), is exactly the same as Applicant's initial answer to Interrogatory No. 6, except for the term "are" prior to the phrase "zero dollars."

reasonable time (at least 30 days from any deadline for actual receipt of responsive documents or other information) for NTI to take depositions.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Opposer respectfully requests that the Board grant its Motion For Entry of Judgment as a Sanction for Applicant's Failure to Comply with the Board's Order Dated December 5, 2014.

Dated: February 17, 2015 /s/ Stephanie C. Alvarez /

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